

**DYING GIRL
HOLDS SECRET****Mystery Surrounds Her At-
tempt at Suicide****IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT**

She Stepped from Street into Women's
Waiting Room in Hotel Astor—
Shot Herself in Breast—Was
Not Guest at Hotel.

New York, Aug. 30.—There is a mystery surrounding the attempt at suicide by a young, unidentified girl last night at the hotel Astor. At the Flower hospital, where she now lies, the officials say that she cannot recover. The girl shot herself in the breast, but the bullet was deflected by a rib. In an effort to conceal her identity, the girl had removed all marks from her clothing.

The shooting took place in the women's waiting room, where the girl had entered but a minute or two before committing the act. The management of the hotel said that she was not a guest at the hotel, and they knew nothing about her. The girl, during conscious moments, refused to make known her identity. She is about 25 years of age and was well dressed. Dr. Acid, who was called to attend her, took her to the Flower hospital. The bullet entered her left breast.

Three letters found in the girl's clothing, addressed "To mother," "To sister," and "To Blanch," indicated that the act was the result of a family quarrel. The signature on each was carefully removed. At noon to-day the doctors reported the development of peritonitis, and the girl's condition is grave. Parties believed to be theatrical people called to-day to see the girl, but her condition is too serious to permit her to be seen. There has been no identification as yet.

**WOMAN CAREFUL
TO IDENTIFY SELF**

Mrs. Etta E. Hall Committed Suicide
by Drowning in Connecticut River
Near Amherst, Mass.

Amherst, Mass., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Etta E. Hall drowned herself yesterday afternoon in the Connecticut river. She dressed herself carefully, and fastened inside her hat and took the trolley car, which she left at the west end of Hadley bridge.

She walked back over the bridge to Newmarket park, placed her hat with spectacles in it on the bank, removed her dress skirt, waded into the river up to her neck, threw up her hands, screamed and disappeared.

Lawrence Till saw her from the other side of the river and swam across, but arrived too late. Men on the bridge also saw her. The body was recovered an hour after and viewed by Medical Examiner Clarence I. Sparks of Easthampton, who allowed the body to be removed to Amherst.

Mrs. Hall had been treated for a nervous trouble in the Westboro hospital. She leaves a husband, George H. Hall of Williamstown; a son, Harold, in Johnson, Vt.; a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Seth H. Lewis, and a sister, in Felchville, Vt.

**A TANGLED WEB
FOR THIS WOMAN**

Charged With Smuggling \$8,000 Worth
of Goods Merely, But Customs
Officers Say She Had \$100,-
000 More Seized.

New York, Aug. 30.—Although charged specifically with smuggling into this country a pearl necklace, a gold purse and a lace mantle, valued in all at \$8,000, Mrs. L. Reynolds Adriance of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., must explain where she bought other jewelry valued at more than \$100,000 before she is out of the customs net here. According to a statement made at collector Loebe's office yesterday afternoon, jewels worth \$115,000 were found in the woman's possession and seized, while from her daughter, Marion, a \$3,000 pearl necklace was confiscated, and a third necklace taken from Mrs. Mary H. Dougherty, a traveling companion.

The necklace taken from her, Miss Adriance says, was purchased in this country, but lengthened abroad by the insertion of eight pearls. The other jewelry, Mrs. Adriance says, was bought in New York. She was given until Thursday to substantiate her statements.

The necklace, on Miss Adriance was found in a chaotic bag tied around her waist. It was discovered after the Baltic docked Sunday, but the fact did not come out until yesterday.

**VERMONT AND MAINE FIGHT
In War Maneuvers in Camp at Pine
Camp, N. Y.**

Pine Camp, N. Y., Aug. 30.—The grand point maneuvers came to a close yesterday with a fine review to General Fred D. Grant and a strenuous fight between two friendly states, Vermont and Maine. The former took place in the afternoon, and the latter in the afternoon. The battle between the troops of the New England states was a well contested battle, the regiments that took part being the 1st Vermont and the 2d Maine infantry, the former commanded by Col. Estey and the latter by Col. Hume, and both had an equal number of men.

Both regiments did excellent work, and the benefits from these maneuvers will be of great value in the future to the members of both regiments. Both officers and men did well.

**WILLIAM EXPLAINS
HIS STATEMENT**

By Classing Himself With Every Hon-
est Christian In Being Under Protec-
tion of the Highest and Working
Under the Highest Commission.

Danvig, Aug. 30.—Emperor William, at a dinner last night in the castle at Marienburg, the old seat of the Knights of Malta, given in his honor by the dignitaries of the province of West Prussia, made a speech which was a counterpart of that delivered last week at Koenigsberg. Taking up the Koenigsberg speech, which his majesty evidently regarded as having been misunderstood by the press, he said:

"When I represented myself, like my sainted grandfather, as being under the protection of the highest and as working under the highest commission of Our Lord and God, I assumed that every honest Christian, whoever he might be, did the same. Whoever works in this spirit knows well that the cross imposes obligations."

"We should hold together in brotherly love and we should leave to each race its peculiarities. The races and trade organizations should join hands for common work and for meeting the state's necessities."

"Let the farthest join hands with the merchant and the latter with the manufacturer; let the members of one party join hands with those of a different mind for achieving great things for the fatherland."

**TWO WERE DROWNED
IN CHILD RESCUE**

Mrs. Catherine Fogarty of Boston and
Unknown Man Victims, Latter In
Trying to Save Mrs. Fogarty,
Who Went After Child.

Boston, Aug. 30.—A mother gave her life in an attempt to save the life of her child, who had fallen into Jamaica pond late yesterday, and a stranger was drowned while trying to save the mother. The child was rescued by another woman.

Mrs. Catherine Fogarty had her two children, Marie, 2 years old, and an infant with her in the parkway for an outing. On the shore of the pond they stopped to rest. Mrs. Fogarty had the infant in her lap, while little Marie was seated in a baby carriage. In playing in the carriage, Marie moved so violently as to start the wheels going, and before the mother could stop it, the baby carriage had rolled into the pond. Putting the baby on the ground, Mrs. Fogarty immediately jumped into the water. The depth was so great at that point, however, that she was unable to catch hold of the little girl and losing her footing, sank beneath the surface.

Meanwhile her cries had been heard by a number of persons, and a man about 60 years of age, whose name could not be learned at the time, leaped into the pond and seized Mrs. Fogarty. His strength proved insufficient to pull her to shore, and he, too, sank to his death.

Miss Martha Daley, a maid employed at a doctor's residence nearby, reached the shore of the pond at the same time as the elderly stranger. Quickly but carefully lowering her self into the water, she snatched the little girl and carried her to the bank.

Others had reached the scene by this time, and Miss Daley and the child were taken to the nearest police station, where they were provided with dry clothing. The little girl suffered no apparent ill effects from the accident. Later little Marie and the infant were cared for by neighbors of Mrs. Fogarty in Jamaica Plain.

**SHERMAN MUCH SURPRISED
When Proclaimed As Country's Next
President.**

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 30.—A presidential boom for Vice President Sherman saw the light yesterday at Marshfield in the Ozark mountains. Mr. Sherman seemed a bit surprised, but bore up bravely.

The boom was launched by Congressman Murphy, who introduced the vice president to a gathering in front of the court house. "I wish to introduce to you the vice president of the United States, whom I regard as our next president," he said.

**STRIKERS FIRED ON TROOPS.
Attempt to Stop All Railroad Work
Caused Serious Clash With Police.**

Bilbao, Spain, Aug. 30.—Troops sent here to preserve order during the strike were fired upon to-day by mobs of strikers. A number were injured. Although the general strike has been ordered off, the situation is still alarming. The attempt of the strikers to stop all railroad work resulted in a serious clash with the police, and the latter succeeded in dispersing the crowd.

**TWO SOLDIERS DEAD
IN A DANCE ROW**

Both the Dead Men In Pine Plains Mur-
der Were Negroes, Officers Are
Searching for Another Sol-
dier.

Pine Plains, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Private Turner of B. Company, 24th regiment, and Corporal Jones of C company were shot and instantly killed in a fight last night in the ball room of the Freeman house at Great Bend, a hamlet near Pine camp, where both soldiers were stationed. Both the dead men are negroes.

Private McGee of I troop, 10th cavalry, ran from the ball room after the shooting and officers are searching for him.

**EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.
Residents Panic Stricken, Worst Since
That of December, 1908.**

Reggio, Italy, Aug. 30.—An earthquake shook general throughout southern Italy threw the people in this city into a panic to-day. It was the worst shock since the one in December, 1908. Little damage is yet reported.

**DESPERATE
MAN SLAIN****By the Man He Had Marked
as His Victim****IN ST. PAUL, MINN.,**

Charles Welch, Armed with " " and
Nitroglycerine, Entered Office of
Great Northern Official and
Went Out as a Corpse.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30.—Charles Welch, a discharged traveling watchman for the Great Northern railroad, with a pistol and a pint bottle of nitroglycerine, tried to murder A. G. Ray, chief special agent of the Great Northern, in his office in the railroad's building to-day. But before he could do his purpose Welch was shot and killed by the man he had planned to murder.

Welch entered the office and fired five shots. Special agent Ray was seated at his desk at the time and without moving he returned the fire, piercing Welch's head with a bullet. The police were then called. They say that there was enough nitroglycerine in the bottle to blow the ten-story building where the attack took place. A paper wrapping prevented the explosion of the stuff.

**ROOSEVELT TREATED
AS INSURGENT**

He Left Denver This Morning, Bound
for Kansas, After a Day Filled
With Speech Mak-
ing.

Denver, Col., Aug. 30.—When Roosevelt's train pulled out this morning, the colonel had determined, on reaching Pueblo, to discuss the constitution to be adopted by Arizona and New Mexico. He will argue that so elastic a form is easily amendable. After a brief address at Pueblo, he will leave for Oswatimila, Kan., where he will arrive tomorrow morning.

The Colorado insurgents here are delighted with Roosevelt's endorsement of Merle Vincent, the insurgent candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. He said at the banquet in Vincent hall, "He stated my policies more clearly than could have been done by their author." The public was also generally pleased with his treatment of Judge Ben Lindsey. The reception committee had studiously ignored Lindsey, but when Teddy saw him at the reception he grabbed him, effusively greeted him and pushed him to a prominent place on the platform.

In his address before the Colorado legislature yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt sharply criticized acts of the supreme court of the United States. The former president cited two decisions by the supreme court, which he declared were contrary to the principles of democracy, and said emphatically that if these decisions indicated the permanent attitude of the court, the entire American system of popular government would be upset.

Colonel Roosevelt's speech before the legislature was one of five that he delivered in Denver yesterday. Everywhere he went he was greeted by cheering multitudes. The auditorium, in which he delivered his speech on conservation, holds 15,000 people, and yet it was not large enough to seat all the throng that sought admission.

In addition to the speech in the auditorium, under the auspices of the National Live Stock association, and his speech before the legislature, he addressed the Spanish war veterans, who are holding their encampment here; the Colorado Live Stock association banquet last evening, and the Denver Press club, at a "chug wagon luncheon" at Overland park.

In addition to his remarks censoring the supreme court, Colonel Roosevelt denounced dishonest legislators and demagogues in his speech before the legislature. He scored men who gained their riches at the expense of the people, attacked untruthful newspapers and magazines and praised the periodicals and newspapers, which, he said, boldly told the truth in order to purify the body politic.

The colonel faced a legislature that was Democratic in both branches, one member of the House being a woman, and was presented by the president of the Senate as a "typical westerner."

**COUPLE FIRED ON
As They Were Out Walking Near Bel-
lows Falls Sunday.**

Bellows Falls, Aug. 30.—Thomas Kerrigan, a ball player, was out walking Sunday evening on Westminster road with a woman, when they noticed that they were being followed. He turned and spoke to the man, who drew a revolver without a word and fired at the couple. The woman fainting and Kerrigan, thinking that she was shot, raised her from the ground and called for help. The police made a careful search but the assailant had escaped.

**CZAR NOT ASSASSINATED.
Such a Rumor, Current in New York,
Denied in Germany.**

New York, Aug. 30.—The stock rumor that the czar had been assassinated, which gained much circulation here to-day, was promptly denied from Friedrichshagen, where the czar and his family are visiting the grand duke of Hesse.

**FEARFUL INJURIES
IN FALL FROM TREE**

Stuart Kelley, Aged 10, of Burlington
Had Side Pierced by Limb but
He Stood the Pain Bravely.

Burlington, Aug. 30.—Stuart Kelley, the 10 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kelley of St. Paul street, was so seriously injured yesterday afternoon by a fall from a tree in the rear of a residence, a short distance from his home, that he will probably die. The sharp point of a sawed-off limb pierced his spinal column, his liver and penetrating one of his lungs. The youngster himself pulled the wood from his side and walked for a distance of nearly 100 yards toward his home, where he was met by his mother, who carried him into the house. The boy retained consciousness and when he was removed to the hospital had to be etherized for the operation which followed.

The boy, with a playmate, had climbed the tree to the distance of nearly 15 feet, when he slipped and fell against the limb, which projected near the bottom. The force of the fall broke off the piece of wood and left it in his side. The wood pierced the spinal column and both boys called for help, although they did not realize the seriousness of the injury. Stuart's first thought was of home and, removing the wood, he started to reach it by walking, making a futile attempt to stop the flow of blood on the way with a handkerchief.

Near Marble avenue he was met by his mother, who carried him into the house and laid him on a couch. Meanwhile, Dr. B. J. A. La Bombardiere had been summoned, as well as Dr. F. W. Baylies.

The physicians took the boy as quickly as possible to the Mary Fletcher hospital, and he was hurried to the operating table, where Dr. S. E. Maynard performed an operation, discovering that the liver was completely cut in half and one of the lungs badly injured. The wound was of a curious nature and the only case of its kind which has been treated at the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were allowed to go to the boy's bedside at a late hour last night.

The patient at last reports was steadily growing weaker and practically no hopes of his recovery are entertained.

LONG FALL TO DEATH.

Mrs. Charles Dimond Dead at Genesee,
N. Y., Was a Bride.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Charles Dimond, 29 years of age, a bride of three months, was leaning over the Genesee river gorge last evening, picking apples when she lost her balance and fell 170 feet to her death.

**TORNADO DESTROYS TOWN,
THREE PERSONS KILLED**

Not a Building Intact in Heaton, N. D.,
When Storm Was Past—Several
People Injured Aside from
Those Killed.

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 30.—Three dead and a number injured is the result of a tornado in the village of Heaton, N. D., last night, which demolished the town. Reports say that not a building is intact. Aid was summoned from surrounding towns.

SUSPECT SLIPS AWAY.

Hunt Is Made for Capasali, Alleged
Sommersworth, N. H., Slayer.

North Saco, Me., Aug. 30.—The hunt for Nicholas Capasali or Sapalakokos, wanted for murder at Sommersworth, N. H., was continued yesterday, a clear to-day being supposed to have been the hunted man having been found here.

A man driving along the road saw a campfire in the woods attended by a solitary man. He telephoned the officials, and picking them up he started back with them.

When the officers reached the campfire, the man was gone. Meantime word had been telephoned to Deputy Carter, who was soon on the way to the scene in an automobile. When he arrived the man was tracked from where he had leaped into the road opposite the campfire to the waiting room at Dunston on Saco division of the Portland street railway.

**CHARGE OF LARCENY
Brought Against George H. Hennessy at
Haverhill, Mass.**

Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 30.—George H. Hennessy was arrested last evening by inspector Shannon on a warrant on the charge of the larceny of \$114.17 from the Boston Mutual Life Insurance company. The complainant is Robert King, owner and manager of the company. The complaint was sworn out late yesterday afternoon and Hennessy was found at his home on Pentucket street.

Hennessy has been employed by the company the past three years, first as collector and canvasser and for the past year as manager. The complaint alleges he has taken the money in small amounts since last June.

**SAVINGS OF YEARS STOLEN.
Money and Jewelry Taken from House
Within Block of Station.**

Boston, Aug. 30.—After a day of ineffectual effort to clear up the case, the police of station 1 reported last night that the home of Genaro Solone, a tailor, at 304 Hanover street, had been entered and \$1,800 in cash and \$500 in jewelry stolen early Sunday evening.

The sum taken represented the savings of many years, and the burglary was committed within a block of the police station.

**CONFLICTING REPORTS ISSUED.
Some Call Vanderbilt's Condition Ser-
ious, Others Aver It Is Improving.**

Newport, R. I., Aug. 30.—Physicians in attendance on Reggie Vanderbilt issued a statement to-day that there is an improvement in his condition. It is believed, however, that this is misleading, and reports persist that his condition is serious.

A supply of this year's hunters' licenses has this day been received at the city clerk's office, and all parties desiring one can secure the same on application at the office.

**SIXTY PEOPLE
FLED FOR LIFE****From Burning Tenement in
Cambridge, Mass.****AND ALL GOT OUT SAFELY**

Large Three-story Structure on Putnam
Avenue Was Badly Damaged This
Morning, the Loss Being Set
at \$10,000.

Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 30.—There were some narrow escapes from the flames this morning, when fire broke out in a tenement building, numbered from 629 to 633 Putnam avenue. There were sixty people sleeping in the house at the time, but all of them got out safely. It is thought, the fire broke out at an early hour, and the cause of it has not been determined. However, it is believed that the flames started in some unoccupied suites of rooms in the structure. Before the fire was extinguished, the house had been badly damaged, the loss being placed at \$10,000. The building was three stories in height.

**TWO BODIES FOUND
IN WOODSVILLE RUINS**

And There May Have Been Third Death
In Fire of Early Sunday Morn-
ing When Negro Block Was
Burned.

Woodville, N. H., Aug. 30.—Workmen in clearing up the debris yesterday afternoon at the scene of the destruction of the Negro block, which was demolished by fire at an early hour Sunday morning found the charred remains of two men in the basement of the ruined building. They were burned beyond recognition.

It was claimed Sunday that three men were missing, who had been known to occupy the premises, and it is thought that the possible third may yet be found. One of the men is thought to be George Powers, a cook in the yards of the Woodstock Lumber company at Woodstock.

Mr. Gordon took for the subject of his speech, "The Employers' Liability Law." The topic was an appropriate one for the occasion, and the speaker explained at some length the meaning and desirability of having a law of this nature in Vermont.

The popular idea, he said, that the lawyers always secured all of the money connected with such cases was a fallacy. He advocated a clause whereby the negligence in accidents be changed from contributory to comparative, and that the workman's negligence might be subtracted from the damages. One of the principal arguments for socialism is the liability of the workman to-day to obtain compensation damages, even when the act of some fellow workman is not responsible or in any way accountable for the accident. Vermont, he declared, is far and away behind her sister states in legislation of this kind and should lose no time in making amends for its tardiness along these lines.

LIME CARGO CAUGHT FIRE.

Schooner Ada Ames Destroyed by Fire
Yesterday.

Chatham, Mass., Aug. 30.—Her cargo of lime catching fire from the water entering her hold after she struck on Shoefield shoal, the two-masted schooner Ada Ames, bound from Rockland, Me., for New York, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. While beating her way through the treacherous shoals, the two-masted struck on Shoefield shoal. The force of her grounding opened the lime's seams and in a few minutes the lime in her hold had caught fire.

Realizing that it would be impossible to save their vessel, the crew of five men attempted to transfer their personal belongings to the small boats. In this they were not wholly successful, as part of their personal property was destroyed. Captain Kelley and his crew of livesavers from Montserrat Point station, put out from the station and assisted the crew in securing some of their goods. The crew of the Ada Ames was quartered at the lifesaving station last night.

CONVENTION AT NORTHFIELD.

Universalists Gather There for Their An-
nual Meeting.

Northfield, Aug. 30.—The annual convention of Universalist churches opened here last evening with a meeting of the Young People's Christian union, the devotional services being conducted by Mrs. Clifford Stetson, after which an address of welcome to the delegates was delivered by Prof. Woodbury and responded to by Rev. W. R. Rowland of East Corinth, who said in the course of his remarks that \$1,800 had been raised and expended by the young people during the year. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. B. S. Butler of St. Johnsbury. Committees were appointed as follows: Finance, Miss Prudence Stickney; Mrs. Stetson of Jacksonville and Rev. G. S. Newton of North Montpelier; on resolutions, Rev. Kimball of Richmond, Miss Watson of Brattleboro and Rev. Walter Dole of Enfield; on auditing, Rev. W. W. McLaughlin of Lyndonville, Helen Kimball of Richmond.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING ELECTED

Miss Lucile Gravenstein of Hyde Park,
Mass., Comes Highly Recommended.

The schools in Barre will open Monday, September 12, and the position of supervisor of drawing in the public schools, made vacant by the recent resignation of Miss Clark, will be filled the coming year by Miss Lucile Gravenstein of Hyde Park, Mass. Miss Gravenstein is a graduate of the Hyde Park, Mass., high school and of the Massachusetts Normal Art school. She has been supervisor of drawing in Newburyport, Mass., in the Barre, Hardwick and Petersham, Mass., supervision district, and for the past two years in the Hatfield-Deerfield, Mass., supervision district. Miss Gravenstein comes highly recommended, both as to training and teaching ability, and it is expected that, under her supervision the high standards that have always been obtained in this department will be maintained.

**MANUFACTURERS
WERE FINE HOSTS**

Yesterday Afternoon's Barbecue, Part-
icipated in by 400 People, Was
Enjoyable from Start to
Finish.

About 400 people gathered at Caladonia park yesterday afternoon for the barbecue of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, at which there were as guests the delegates to the national retail monument dealers' convention, recently held in Rochester, N. Y., who had come to Barre to inspect the granite industry. Needless to say, no pains were spared to make the occasion one of pleasure for everyone.

It was a noteworthy event, and through the interest and goodwill manifested by dealer and manufacturer alike it will mark a milestone in the commercial development of Barre granite. Everyone seemed bent on having a good time, and as the afternoon drew to a close on all sides could be heard enthusiastic expressions of praise for the manner in which the outing and trip to the quarries in the forenoon had been conducted.

Immediately after the arrival of the special train, which left this city at 1:54, the guests were seated in the spacious tent which had been pitched near the center of the grounds. Owing to the fact that a much larger crowd was present than had at first been expected, it was necessary to prepare a second setting for some of the tables. In spite of the unusually large number present, the service was excellent, and the guests had little difficulty in securing enough of the good things provided. Under the careful direction of caterer John Hagan of Lexington, Ky., who was assisted by an able corps of twenty serving girls, the large crowd received the best of attention and did ample justice to the feast. A pleasing feature of the dinner was the distribution of souvenir pipes, given to each member of the company.

Following the barbecue, a brief after-dinner program was carried out, with James Adie, president of the local association, acting as master of ceremonies. In his opening remarks, Mr. Adie took occasion to extend a hearty welcome to the guests assembled and closed by introducing John W. Gordon of Barre.

Mr. Gordon took for the subject of his speech, "The Employers' Liability Law." The topic was an appropriate one for the occasion, and the speaker explained at some length the meaning and desirability of having a law of this nature in Vermont.

**WATSON RAPS
HIS RIVAL****At Democratic Rally in Barre
Last Evening****ON CAMPAIGN EXPENSES**

Rev. John B. Reardon, Candidate for
Lieutenant-governor, Also Spoke,
But P. M. Meldon Did Not
Appear.

The Democratic campaign on local, state and national issues was given a boost in this city last evening at a rally and flag raising held under the auspices of the local committee. The stars and stripes bearing a banner on which are the names of the candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor were swung to the breeze over Main street from the roof of the Miles brick block at 7:30 o'clock, while the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" were played by the Barre Citizens' band. A cheer was then given for the candidates, after which the band, followed by a fair-sized crowd, marched to the opera house, where speeches were made by Charles D. Watson of St. Albans and Rev. John B. Reardon of Springfield, the candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor, respectively. P. M. Meldon of Rutland, the party's nominee for U. S. senator from the first district, was scheduled to speak also, but it was announced that he was unable to be present.

The speakers were introduced by G. Herbert Pape, who took the occasion to say a few words for the Democratic candidate for city representative, Donald Smith. He declared that Mr. Smith was one of the most progressive and helpful citizens that Barre possesses; a man well fitted to serve the city.

The legislature. Among other things, he stated that Mr. Smith was heartily in favor of the enacting of a just and equitable employers' liability law.

The two speakers took up an hour and forty-five minutes with their remarks and touched upon the national state and local conditions. Mr. Watson was the first speaker, and he stated at the outset that he should confine himself wholly to matters concerning the state ticket. He declared that the fundamental principles of the Republican and Democratic platforms were practically the same in this state, but the Republican majorities for the last 50 years have remained about the same because of party loyalty. "God forbid," he exclaimed, "that for the sake of voting with my party I should do a conscious wrong."

He said in part: Something like fifty years ago, the Democrats stopped electing governors in Vermont, and you know that they have never regained that privilege since. In the early days the Republicans had issues and the Democrats had issues, and through all these years new issues have arisen and progress has been made and the Republican platform has been changing, until now the platforms of the two parties are almost together. We claim that the Republican party has looked out of its shell and seen the good doctrines in our platform and drafted some of them, and I do not claim but that there has been some drafting on our part.

Now the question arises, why is it that the strength of the two parties has not grown more equal while their platforms have been drawing closer together? There must be some reason for it. For fifty years the Republican majorities have remained practically the same. Why does not the Democratic vote increase? Is it because we do not give you a good list of candidates to vote for? I do not wish to be thought conceited. I tell you that the press throughout the state is united this year in saying that we have given you a list of capable men to vote for. Is it because we do not give you a good platform? It can hardly be that, for the two platforms in fundamental principles are alike. The reason is party loyalty. It is your loyalty to your party that keeps you from voting the Democratic ticket.

"When you took your freeman's oath, you pledged yourself to always vote for the best interests of our state and to vote without fear or favor of any man. That oath is the corner stone of decent politics. It is the foundation of civic righteousness. On that oath we ask you for your suffrage. There has been an attempt made by both parties to embody in their platforms a plank that would tend to purify the primaries, which would do away with unwarranted expenditure of money in elections. In this question we have the basis of the whole issue that is before this state to-day."

We believe in civic righteousness. No party can monopolize that virtue, and the Republicans are the ones to insist upon it in this state, as they have the majority of the votes. We all cry out against unwarranted expenditure of money in politics. Honesty in politics is just as essential as in business. You would not hesitate to characterize a man who is dishonest in business as being an evil and a menace to society. If simple honesty does not influence a man in his campaign for office, what can you expect when the desired office is reached? Will you have a right to complain if he favors those to whom he is obligated?

There is but one answer to this question. Can you go out and give your vote to such a man without violating your oath with your head when a young man tell you that the people are not so good and not bad."

Ultimately you will vote for who have not brought their nominations. In the Republican plat-

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